

ABSTRACT

An apparatus is provided for producing bread from a batter mixture.

The apparatus includes a flat cooking surface, a heating element arranged to generate heat below the cooking surface in a cooking position of the cooking surface, a batter dispenser arranged to dispense batter directly onto the cooking surface, a cooling area spaced from the cooking surface in the cooking position thereof and a transfer mechanism arranged to transfer cooked batter from the cooking surface to the cooling area. This arrangement enables continuous automated production of flat leavened bread, including injera bread and the like, with repeated use of the same cooking surface. Cooking times may be in the order of a couple of minutes and therefore automated production relieves an operator of the otherwise virtually constant supervision required.

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